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SUBJECT: SANYA SCOTCHES RESIGNATION RUMORS

PRIME MINISTER SANYA THMMASAT HELD AN IMPROMPTU PRESS
CONFERENCE AT CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY MARCH 26. FOLLOWING IS
AN UNOFFICIALS USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS REMARKS
ABOUT WHETHER HE PLANS TO RESIGN:

REPORTER: THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS RECENTLY THAT YOU ARE
PLANNING TO RESIGN.
HOW TRUE ARE THEY?.

SANYA I HAVE NO SUCH PLAN.

REPORTER: WHAT IS THE TRUTH?.

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SANYA: THE TRUTH IS THAT THE SITUATION MUST BE

STUDIED IN ORDER TO SEE WHETHER I WILL BE
ABLE TO WAGE AN ECONOMIC WAR OR NOT.

REPORTER: WHAT IS YOUR VIEW REGARDING THE SITUATION AT PRESENT?.

SANYA WE ARE MAKING EFFORTS TO THE UTMOST OF OUR
ABILITY TO WIN THE WAR, BUT IT DEPENDS ON FATE.

REPORTER: DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IS
NOT IMPROVED. AND THAT YOU MIGHT RESIGN EVEN
BEFORE THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL ELECTION?.

SANYA I MIGHT CONSIDER MY SINS OF OMISSION AND
COMMISSION BECAUSE THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IS
A MATTER OF IMPORTANCE FOR OUR COUNTRY. WE
ARE , HOWEVER, MAKING EFFORTS TO THE UTMOST OF
OUR ABILITY TO REMEDY THE SITUATION. USING
EVERY AND ALL WAYS. BUT RESULTS OBTAINED WILL
PLEASE SOME PERSONS AND NOT PLEASE SOME OTHER
PERSONS BECAUSE INTERESTS DIFFER. FOR
EXAMPLE. LOOK AT FISHERMAN AND PERSONS ENGAGED
IN THE FISH BREEDING INDUSTRY AND HOW THEIR
INTERESTS ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT. THIS IS WHAT
CAUSES SUCH GREAT DIFFICULTY TO US.

REPORTER: WOULD'T TAKING AMIDDLE OF THE WAY METHOD TO
REMEDY PROBLEMS NOT BENEFIT ALL SIDES
CONCERNED?.

SANYA THAT IS THE PRINCIPLE I HAVE ADHERED TO THROUGHOUT. WE
ARE SEARCHING FOR A METHOD
THAT WOULD BE A MIDDLE OF THE WAY ONE.
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